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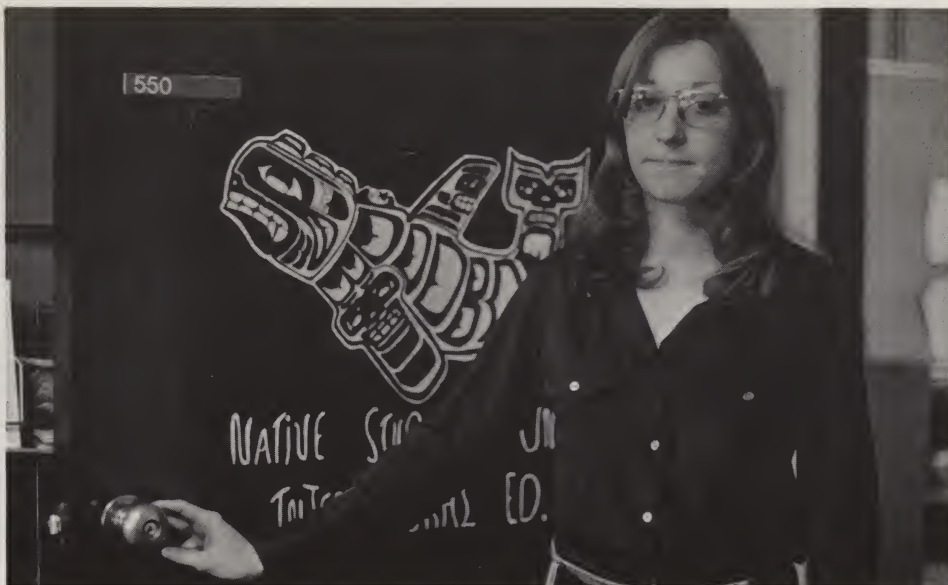
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Seasonal artwork on windows of student residences proclaim a variety of festive messages. Prizes for the most attractive and original windows were at the residence dinner and dance December 7. First prizes were won by third floor David Thompson, and second floor Margaret Newton in Craigdarroch; in Lansdowne top prizes went to second floor of E Building (men) and fourth floor B Building (women). Second prizes went to third floor E Building and fourth floor A Building (women). A special prize for the most original went to the first floor of David Thompson.



N.I.T.A. WORK EXPANDED

"People are starting to respond to the fact that I'm here," remarked Janet Poth Boston two months after assuming her unique position on the UVic campus.

Under a grant to UVic from the B.C. Native Indian Teachers' Association, Ms. Boston is research associate in Studies of Intercultural Education in the Faculty of Education.

Her major task is to expand the research potential and community service activities of the B.C. NITA Indian Education Resources Centre, based at UBC

Ms. Boston's office in MacLaurin 552 keeps her in the mainstream of the constant traffic to the Native Students Union (MacLaurin 550), a drop-in study centre well-used by both Indian and non-Indian students.

"There are 18 full time native students on campus, and three part time," Ms. Boston said. "I have written to all of them and hopefully they will indicate to me what resources, books and films they want." Ms. Boston is also hoping for suggestions from professors and lecturers on resources the Centre should acquire.

Although her bookshelves are still somewhat bare, Ms. Boston is planning to draw on the growing fund of literature for and by Canadian Indians.

There are a number of publications by the Resources Centre in Vancouver. An example is *Helping Hand - How Indian Canadians Helped Alexander MacKenzie Reach the Pacific Ocean*.

"There is also some literature on Northwest coastal Indians, but mostly about art and social conditions.

"What we need is alternate information on Canadian History."

While working on an MA in cross cultural education at the University of New Brunswick, Ms. Boston observed "the biggest so-called problem was not with the students, but with the curriculum.

"We are now trying to create an alternative to the curriculum, and deal with the implications of some of the texts.

"The Department of Education has deleted some offensive and negative sections in the school textbooks. I am trying to encourage teachers in the use of alternate books."

Part of Ms. Boston's work is to contribute regional information to the monthly Indian Education Newsletter. One upcoming article is to be on day care, an encouragement to readers to establish day care centres in their own areas.

She is also involved with the area's home-school coordinators.

"These are usually native persons who can iron out a lot of problems between students and teachers."

Ms. Boston's responsibilities also include counselling on educational opportunities, aiding in establishment of tutorial programmes, helping students with research and papers, posting notices of job opportunities and coordinating native students' visits to the University. She also serves as a resource person for the university and the community.

"My real concern is with the students at the university level and with the high school students that will be here. "To graduate from this institution," Ms. Boston said, "is just to show an understanding of white culture."

Janet Boston is hoping the grant for her position will be renewed, but indicated:

"As soon as a native person is interested in the job and qualified for it, I will train the person and move on."

BUILDINGS NAMED

Two buildings under construction on the Campus will be named for distinguished Victorians.

President Hugh E. Farquhar said today the University's \$2.5 million Physical Education Athletic and Recreation Centre will be called the Archie McKinnon Building; the \$460,000 Physical Plant Services Building will be named after Arthur J. Saunders.

"The significance of the addition of these two buildings to the campus is increased by their association with the distinguished citizens whose names they will bear", President Farquhar said, and added, "These men bring honor to the University by allowing the buildings to be named after them."

The Physical Plant Services Building is expected to be opened in the spring, and the Physical Education, Athletic and Recreation Centre in the fall of 1974.

The name Archie McKinnon is synonymous with the growth of the YMCA in Victoria because of his 60-year association with the organization; Arthur Saunders



Arthur J. Saunders

who is currently chairman of the board of Victoria General Hospital, is former Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at UVic.

Mr. McKinnon, born in Glasgow, came to Victoria in 1913 and joined the YMCA in that year. He served as a full time staff

member of the "Y" for over 40 years, including 35 years as physical education director. He has continued to instruct at the "Y" since his retirement in 1961.

Mr. McKinnon's dedication to athletic development in Victoria was recognized by his appointment as coach to four Canadian Olympic Teams: 1932 in Los Angeles, 1936 in Berlin, 1948 in London and 1952 in Helsinki.

Among his many honours are the Sid Thomas Memorial Trophy, the Hugh Trophy, the Good Citizenship Medal, and a Certificate of Recognition from the National YMCA Physical Education Committee.

In 1963 Mr. McKinnon was made a Freeman of the City of Victoria and in



Archie McKinnon

1964 the Archie McKinnon Pool was dedicated in the Victoria YM-YWCA.

Mr. McKinnon was invited to the 1972 Olympics in Munich as a guest of the West German government. The following year he was the first recipient of the Kiwanis Club distinguished service plaque at the Greater Victoria Sports celebrity dinner.

Arthur J. Saunders was born in Calgary and educated in Victoria and Vancouver. He attended Victoria College and went on to UBC where he obtained his degree in mechanical engineering in 1933.

From 1933 to 1950 he was employed by Sidney Roofing and Paper Company, and then turned to private practice as a consulting engineer in Victoria until joining the staff of Victoria College in 1962 as Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds.

When the University of Victoria received its charter in 1963, he was heavily involved in the planning of the Gordon Head campus. In 1970 he was appointed Director of

Campus Planning, a position he held until retiring from the University in 1971.

Mr. Saunders has devoted a great deal of time to civic and professional activities. He has been a member of the Association of Professional Engineers since 1942, and in 1956 served as a member of the Council of that organization. He also served as a member of the industries Advisory Committee of the B.C. Research Council.

He was a member of the Victoria Advisory Planning Commission for eight years and acting chairman of the commission for two years.

He was elected Chairman of the Board of Victoria General Hospital in the spring of 1973.

OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

Plans for University Open House '74 to be held March 9 and 10 are now well advanced and departmental programmes are taking shape.

Chairman Ron Jeffels says the real initiative for a successful Open House lies with the departments who are the best people to convey to the public the activities of the campus.

Academic representatives on the Open House Committee who will coordinate the activities of specific areas reported to the December meeting that departments are being imaginative in their planning with the promise of an exciting event.

Representatives on the committee are:

Humanities Mr. J.G. Fitch
Departments involved: Classics, English, French, German, History, Hispanic and Italian Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Slavonic Studies.

A display entitled "O Tannenbaum" in the McPherson Library depicts the traditional role of decorated trees in Christmas celebrations. The display was created by Gladys Ewan.



Sciences Dr. G.B. Friedmann
Departments involved: Bacteriology & Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry.

Mathematics Dr. D.E. Hewgill
Social Sciences Dr. R.A. Hedley

Departments involved: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.

Faculty of Education Dr. W. Muir

Faculty of Fine Arts Mr. W. West

Departments involved: History in Art, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts.

McPherson Library Mr. D. Hamilton

Tom O'Connor, Traffic and Security has made arrangements for special buses to run a free shuttle service during Open House hours from one to six p.m. each day between the campus and the Hillside Shopping Centre. It is hoped this will bring more people to the campus and alleviate any parking problems.

His Excellency Alexander Nikolaevich Yakovlev, Russian Ambassador to Canada took time to include the campus in a visit to Victoria Wednesday, December 12. Accompanied by Dean John Dewey, the Ambassador, his wife Nina and First Secretary Sergei Belyaev strolled across the quad to an informal meeting with faculty representatives and students in the Commons Building.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

A Champagne Dinner will be the focal point of this year's Faculty Club New Year's Eve celebration.

The dinner, to be served at 10 p.m., will feature steak and lobster, followed by dessert and "free champagne".

The party will begin at 9 p.m. and dancing to the mellow sounds of the Davis Combo will continue until 2 a.m.

Faculty Club manager Glenn Foster is expecting around 150 Faculty Club members and guests. Reservations should be made by December 24. Cost for the evening is \$17 per couple, and special bar prices will be in effect throughout the evening.

The Faculty Club will be open December 24, then will stay closed with the exception of New Year's Eve until January 2.

REVISED LIBRARY HOURS

The McPherson Library will be open January 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, January 6, from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FACULTY NEWS

CHEMISTRY

A research Corporation grant of \$4,000 has been received by UVic to support the investigation of a new synthetic route to cyclic conjugated compounds. Principal investigator in the research program is Dr. Reginald Mitchell.

Research Corporation, a New York

based foundation for the advancement of the science, was created in 1912 by Frederick Gardner Cottrell as a non-profit institution for bringing inventions into public use and directing the proceeds to the support of scientific research.

The foundation currently grants over \$4 million a year to support research in the natural sciences and for public health nutrition programs; in addition, it provides invention evaluation and administration services for over 250 educational scientific institutions.

The grant to UVic was made under the foundation's Cottrell Research Grants Program which supports basic research in the physical sciences and engineering in graduate institutions.

Drs. A. Fischer, R.H. Mitchell, G.A. Poulton and F.P. Robinson, attended the Eighth Annual Pauling Award Symposium on Saturday, December 8 at the Pacific Science Centre in Seattle. The award is given annually by the American Chemical Society to a chemist of outstanding character and contributions.

This year's award went to Prof. E.J. Corey of Harvard University for his work on the Synthesis of the Prostaglandins. The University of Victoria representatives were singled out by the Society for special recognition.

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. M.C.R. Edgell has been contracted by the Canadian Forest Service (Pacific Forest Research Centre) to be principal investigator in a study and review of the socio-economic use of forest land in the B.C. Provincial Capital Regional District.

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WEEKLY RING

Around the Ring will begin publication on a weekly basis with its January 4 edition.

Deadline for copy will be Friday at 12 noon one week before it is to appear.

MATHEMATICS

During the first half of November 1973, Dr. H.M. Srivastava was invited to visit and lecture at a number of universities in Ontario and Quebec. In particular, he delivered an invited lecture entitled "Bounds for certain classical orthogonal polynomials" at the University of Ottawa Mathematical Colloquium on November 8, gave another colloquium lecture at Université Laval on November 15, and held several informal sessions on special functions and their applications to physical and engineering sciences.

ECONOMICS

Dr. Leonard Laudadio published a paper in the review of Social Economy. The paper, "Teilhard de Chardin on Technological Progress", is an analysis of Teilhard's theological views.

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